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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a National Application. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached International Search Report. For the relevance of the listed non-English language reference, the examiner's attention is drawn to the enclosed International Search Report, wherein the documents EP 0 388 022 and EP 0 721 218 have been placed in category "A", meaning that, in the opinion of the International Searching Authority, they relate to the general technological field of the invention.

As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No. 5,304,823 corresponds to document EP 0 550 198, cited in the International search report.

REMARKS

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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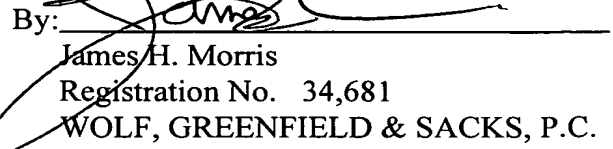
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant(s), the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER ART

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Publication, Etc.)

			International Search Report for PCT/FR 98/02907 filed December 29, 1998

* a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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